जारी कर दिये जाएंगे। श्री उपेन्द्र ने भी सवाल पूछा था लेकिन उनकी सप्लीमेंटरी का कोई उत्तर नहीं आया है। ऐसी स्थिति में मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या आप कोई निश्चित तिथि बताएंगे कि कब तक ये आइडेंटिटि कार्ड जारी कर दिये जाएंगे? दूसरे वर्ष लोक सभा के चुनाव होने वाले हैं। क्या लोक सभा के चुनाव आने से पहले निश्चित रूप से सभी मतदाताओं को ये आइडेंटिटि कार्ड, परिचय पत्र, दे दिये जाएंगे?

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: How can this assurance be given in a country of 80 crores? The Election Commission has given us an assurance that it has constituted a sub-committee. It is talking to the States.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know whether they will be available before the next election.

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Sir, the Election Commission has said that it will give the data after the sub-committee has given it.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या इसी बहाने आप लोक सभा के चुनाव तो नहीं टालने वाले हैं। ... (व्यवधान)

श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज: श्रीमन्, इनका वहम कब दूर होगा, यह मेरी समझ में नहीं आता है। They live in hallucination, and that is why this odd question they ask. आपका वहम दूर नहीं होगा? कभी आप कहते हैं यह नहीं हो जाएगा, वह नहीं हो जाएगा, आसमान तो नहीं गिर जाएगा। आप यह सब खत्म कीजिये, पहले अपनी पार्टियों को ठीक-ठाक कीजिये।

*205. [*The questioner (Shri V. Gopalsamy) was absent. For answer vide col. 35-36 infra*].

Revival of Gorkhaland movement

*206. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that attempts are being made to revive the stir for separate Gorkhaland; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There are no confirmed reports to this effect. The Central Government is keeping a watch on the situation in close co-operation with the State Government of West Bengal.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal has requested the Government of India to provide adequate funds for repairs and reconstruction of the properties, vehicles etc. of the West Bengal Government, damaged during the prolonged GNLF agitation in Darjeeling? As a matter of fact, the State Government has made it known that it has got no adequate funds to do the job to the fullest satisfaction of the people of Darjeeling. In this connection, will the Government provide adequate funds? Sir, I also want to mention and express my apprehension that in case the Government of India fails to do that, this would be made another issue by the GNLF to revive the demand for a separate state.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, to the best of my information, we have not received any request for funds to repair or set right the damage caused to property during the Darjeeling agitation.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, my second supplementary has not been replied to. I said very clearly that that the reconstruction and repair of the damages caused by the GNLF movement in Darjeeling, needs a very immense amount of money, and the State Government has got no resources to meet those expenses. In this case, will the Government of India provide adequate funds to the State Government? I also mention that if that is not done, the GNLF may revive the demand for separate statehood because these things are very popular among the Darjeeling population.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, as I understood it, the second part of the question, is dependent upon the first part of the hon. Member's question. We have not received any such request from the State Government. That is my answer. So, the second part of the question does not arise.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Is the Government aawre of the fact that there has developed a nexus among the GNLF movement, the Bodo movement, the Bodo movement and the Jharkhand movement in Bihar? In this case an assurance was given by the hon. Minister in this House that the Government would take appropriate measures for the upliftment of the tribals and other ethnic groups in these areas by having some kind of a comprehensive programme. I would like to know what advance has been made in this direction.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Although there are a number of Press reports about the nexus between the GNLF and the Bodo agitators, there are no confirmed reports to that effect. We don't think there is any direct connection between the erstwhile GNLF agitators and the Bodo agitators.

As regards upliftment of the tribals in this country, it is well known that the State Governments and the Central Government are formulating a number of plans. These plans are to be implemented by the State Governments.

*207. [*The Questioners (Sardar Jagjit Singh Aurora and Shri Ram Jethmalani) were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 36-37 infra].

*208. [*The questioner (Shri Prithibi Majhi) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 37-38 infra].

Smuggling of Gold and Heroin through Indo-Pak Border

*209. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:†
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of gold and heroin seized on Indo-Pak border during the last six months;

(b) what is the value thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken to check such smuggling activities; and

(d) whether there is any nexus between these activities and smuggling of arms by terrorists; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The quantity and value of gold and the quantity of heroin seized on the Indo-Pak border during the last six

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma.